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The Cleveland Museum of Art Hosts Cultural Heritage Day on April 6

Cleveland's Diverse Cultural Essence to be Showcased in this Free Event

CLEVELAND (March 14, 2003) — Cleveland's diverse cultural fabric will be showcased during **Cultural Heritage Day** hosted by The Cleveland Museum of Art on April 6 from noon to 5 p.m. This **free** event will feature dance and music performances, special gallery talks and studio projects that highlight the various cultures that comprise the cultural tapestry of the city of Cleveland.

Groups from Middle Eastern, Polish, Jewish, African, Irish and Swedish communities will perform traditional music and dances, while gallery talks will focus on Italian Art and Native North American Art and Stories. The free studio projects offered will focus on the arts of Asia and Mesoamerica within the museum's collection.

"During the Gilded Age, Cleveland was one of the largest cities in the United States, and it became a destination for immigrants from all over the world," explains Shannon Masterson, head of educational programs for the museum. "As part of the programming for the exhibition **The Gilded Age: Treasures from the Smithsonian Museum of American Art**, the museum wanted to showcase the arts of many of the people who helped build Cleveland into the city it is today."

The full schedule of Cultural Heritage Day events is listed below:

Dance Performances: (Interior Garden Court)	1 p.m., *Piast* 2:30 p.m., *Legneghan Academy of Irish Dance* 4 p.m., *African Drum and Dance Group*
Music: (Lecture Hall)	12 p.m., *Middle Eastern Music Group* 1:45 p.m., *Yiddishe Cup Klezmer Band* 3:30 p.m., *The Vasa Voices*
Gallery Talks: (Depart from the North Lobby)	12 p.m., *Native North American Storytelling* 1 p.m., *Gilded Age* 2 p.m., *Italian Art*
Studio Workshops:	12:30 to 4 p.m. Classroom H&I, *Asian Dragon Kites* Classroom F&G, *Mesoamerican Headdresses*

The Cleveland Museum of Art receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a significant

international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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